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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, £3,930,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
FITERS, £7,500,000

CHIEF OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—O. D. BORTON, Esq.
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HONGKONG INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BELLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Debits granted in London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

Intimations.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

ENGLISHMEN desirous of SUBSCRIBING, are hereby informed that SUBSCRIPTION LISTs are awaiting their Signature at the following places:—

HONGKONG CLUB,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Messrs. LANE, CHAWFORD & CO.

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 7, 1887. 2381

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in Hongkong, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Manager is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1488

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.
NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
VOIGTLANDER'S CELESTRIAL BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.
English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.
DIAMONDS
DIAMOND JEWELLERY.
A Splendid Collection at the LONDON PATENT, at very moderate prices. 743

NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the Undersigned have requested H. M. J. CORRAL at 101, to DISPOSE of the WRECK of the S.S. KILLARNEY, as she now lies sunk in that Harbour—together with 3 SHIP'S BOATS belonging to her, and lying ashore there—at a Date to be fixed by the Consuls, but not earlier than the 20th December, 1887.

The purchase of the wreck to be subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Consuls.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 1, 1887. 2344

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.
MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(FORMERLY ATTENDED ASSISTANT AND LATELY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)
At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS,
No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.
Discount to missionaries and families.
Sole Address
2, DUNDRELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 68

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1888.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY,
the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th February.

HONGKONG DERBY.

THE HONGKONG DERBY, a Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the date of closing entries, with \$10 added for the Pony and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies bred July 1st to date of Entry (SATURDAY, 21st January, 1888). First Pony 70 per cent., 2nd Pony 20 per cent., and 3rd Pony 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 10lbs. Distance, One Mile and a Half.

Nominations close on SATURDAY, the 17th December, 1887, addressed to the CLERK OF THE COURSE, at the Hongkong Club.

By Order,
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, December 5, 1887. 2304

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS can at the present time of the year engage Berths through to Europe, via Bombay, without change of steamer or increase of fare.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
3rd December, 1887. 2363

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHEAR AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the Kowloon Wharves will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

ROBES ET CONFECTIONS.

FRENCH DRESS-MAKER.

MRS. G. HEYMANS,
33, WELLINGTON STREET,
HONGKONG.

THE ONLY FRENCH DRESS-MAKER IN HONGKONG.

DIPLOMA IN PARIS IN 1884.
Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1935

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE, AND THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE COORDIALS.
A. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 4, 1887. 964

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR NEW STOCK OF
FANCY GOODS AND DELICACIES
suitable for the Festive Season.

Christmas & New Year Presents.

ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES.

LADIES' HAND BAGS, PORTRAIT ALBUMS, PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES & CASES, FLOWER HOLDERS, INKSTANDS, DRESSING CASES AND BAGS, NAIL SETS IN CASES, JEWEL AND WORK BOXES, CIGAR CABINETS, MANTLE ORNAMENTS, TABLE LAMPS.

NEW ONYX WARE, NEW EMBOSSED LEATHER.

A HANDSOME TABLE FOUNTAIN.
A SPLENDID COLLECTION OF PRESENTS.

CHILDREN'S MECHANICAL TOYS.

CARVED MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGAR HOLDERS, CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES, TOBACCO BOXES.

Beautifully Bound Presentation Books, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS.

Electro-Plated Ware.
A Splendid Selection of Useful PRESENTS.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

Best English and French Brands, SOUPS, FISH, GAME, PATTIES, TONGUES, SAUCES, SPICES, VEGETABLES, DESSERT FRUITS, &c., &c.

New Season's Muscades, Smyrna Figs, Apples, Elbas Plums, Nuts.—Almonds in Shells, Brazil, Filberts and Barcelona.

PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCEMEAT, HUNTERLY AND PALMER'S.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

FINEST SELECTED YORK HAMS.

CHEESE.

GORGONZOLA, GLOSTER, ALBERT, ROCHFORD and STILTON.

BISCUITS.

HUNTLEY and PALMER'S 'CHRISTMAS' and ASSORTED.

CONFECTIONERY.

French and English BONBONS, Of the very best quality procurable.

FANCY CHOCOLATES AND CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

U.S.A. QUERES, HOLLY and MISTLETOE WREATHS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2402

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1612

W. POWELL & Co.

CHEAP TOYS.

CHEAP TOYS.

Latest Novelties in CHEAP TOYS.

ALL NEW GOODS.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, December 7, 1887.
(TELEPHONE 21).

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

NEW HATS

BLACK, DEAB. AND BROWN, HARD AND SOFT FELT HATS, in a variety of New Shapes.

DRAB AND GREY SINGLE AND DOUBLE TERA HATS.

STRAW HATS, MILITARY and FELT HELMETS, and TWEED HATS and CAPS in Stock and made to order.

Hongkong, October 8, 1887. 1984

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL is centrally situated and within a few minutes' walk from the PRIMA LINDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE. Tiffin at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM. Tiffin 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS and MEAT LIQUORS of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 907

Intimations.

TO IRONWORK CONTRACTORS.

THE HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY are prepared to receive TENDERS for the RE-SHEETING of their RETORT HOUSE ROOF with CORRUGATED IRON-SHEETS (New Sheets to be supplied by the Company) at their Works, West Point, Hongkong.

Specifications may be seen and all particulars obtained upon application to the Undersigned.

Tenders to be delivered on or before SATURDAY, 17th December.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 6, 1887. 2370

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.

PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:—

"I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS as made by you at your new works."

"In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick."

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for."

"I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using."

Hongkong, May 29, 1887. 981

NOTICE.

GEO. SMITH, WINE MERCHANT, SHANGHAI.

Agents: NORTON & CO., MARKET HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1918

J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 19th day of December, 1887, at Noon, on Board,—

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),

THE SPANISH BARQUE TERESA.

of 567 Tons Register, Copper fastened, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and APPURTENANCES, as she now lies in this Harbour.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of transfer. Vessel to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 6, 1887. 2369

IMPORTANT AUCTION NOTICE.

2,000 LOTS of JAPANESE CURIOS AND WORKS OF ART, suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE and knocked down to the HIGHEST BIDDER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MESSRS. KUEN & CO., (On Account of Limited Space at THEIR ART GALLERY, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL),

TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, On TUESDAY, the 20th Dec., " WEDNESDAY, " 21st " " THURSDAY, " 22nd " " Commencing each day at 3 P.M., at his Sales Room, DUNDRELL STREET,

A GREAT VARIETY OF JAPANESE CURIOS

in all its branches, comprising—

BROCADED and EMBROIDERED SILKS, IVORIES, LACQUERS, BRONZES, GLOSSESS, SATSUMA and OTHER PORCELAINS, COMPLETE SUITS of ARMOUR, SWORDS, BLADE-KIRI DAGGERS, PHOTO ALBUMS, CABINETS, TABLES, CABINET ORNAMENTS, BRONZE JEWELRY in great variety, KAKIMOROS, SCARVES, ELEG. JACKETS, DRESSING GOWNS and QUILTS, &c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the GRAND COLLECTION of ANCIENT TEMPLE and other TABLEAUX, many of which can not be replaced, and it will afford a most favorable opportunity to Collectors to secure Specimens of the Old Painters of Japan, of which even at present very few duplicates exist out of Japan.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Collection will be on view on Monday, the 18th December.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 6, 1887. 2371

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 12th December, 1887, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE, comprising—

SATSUMA, KANSA, IMARI, KIOTO, and TOKIO VASES, JARS, BOWLS, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, EGG-SHELL WARE, EMBROIDERED WARE, BRONZES, EXORIBERIES, KAKIMOROS, and EMBROIDERED SCARVES.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 7, 1887. 2378

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th December, 1887, at Noon, on Board,—

THE BRITISH STEAMER ATHOLL.

of 1,436 Tons Gross, 922 Tons Net Register, and 170 H.P., with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and APPURTENANCES, as she now lies in this Harbour.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on fall of hammer, and the Remainder on completion of transfer; the Steamer to be at Purchaser's risk from time of Sale.

STEAM LAUNCH will leave Pedder's Wharf at 11.30 a.m., on day of Sale.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. ADAMSON, BELL & Co., or the undersigned.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 5, 1887. 2365

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Formosa*, Captain R. KOHLER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 5, 1887. 2384

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Lydia*, Captain R. KOHLER, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2381

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Lydia*, Captain R. KOHLER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 11th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2392

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Fookang*, Captain HOOE, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

ground for the strong feeling entertained by the public on this subject.

That an expert could easily obfuscate and then bamboozle the Commission, as was named, on matters of a technical kind.

That experts or even residents who know something about the real points at issue are not likely to take much trouble to give evidence before a body of "satisfied doctors."

That it is much to be feared that the insinuating efforts of the "satisfied doctors" on his theory, as regards public works can be traced to the dead-lock that has apparently arisen.

That it is to be hoped the Governor will take a common-sense view of the situation, and turn a deaf ear to the clamor, let him chain ever so sweetly.

That though numerous correspondents to the local press have freely and audaciously ventilated their ignorance of things pertaining to sanitation, the matter is of far too vital importance to admit of the strangulation threatened to be brought about by petty official or other jealousies.

That in a matter of life and death like this, where the blunders and negligence of nearly half a century have to be dealt with, the very best experience and intelligent power of dealing with the subject should be the first things to be secured by the Government.

That the qualifications above alluded to having been found, the policy queries as to whether their possessors have signed a remonstrance, or are at issue with the Public Works Department on matters of detail, are more bagatelles compared with the health of the community.

That the principle of publicity laid down by the Governor in regard to other public matters will be absolutely essential in this inquiry, so that residents may have an opportunity of checking and corroborating evidence given.

That, however disagreeable it may be to do so, I cannot but think that, in face of the grave results depending on this inquiry, the strongest protest should be made against any false move which might render the usefulness of the desired investigation abortive.

That the signatories of this Letter of Complaint would no doubt obtain the help of the entire European Community in any effort they may make to save the Commission from becoming a fiasco.

That this is a matter where residents will not quietly tolerate the influence of red-tape.

That nothing in the eyes of the Colonial Office is so abominable as a reformer, and it is to be hoped the tentative efforts of our new Governor in that direction will escape nipping in the bud, or butting in infancy, by that baleful influence red-tapeism.

That the losses by sea and land during the last few weeks must strengthen the belief of commercial men in the absolute necessity for insurance.

That Fire and Marine Companies here and at Home must have been painfully reminded lately of the protection with which they provide their constituents.

That the cancellations are, that they live in their losses, that while competition spreads premium it likewise divides losses, and that losses usually bring in fresh grist to the mill.

That the wish must have been father to the thought when the moderately large Saanghat fire was assigned into a vast public or national calamity.

That people are struck with admiration at what your morning contemporary calls "the great presence of mind" displayed by the Police, when they suddenly remembered, on the parties' caution being turned on their launch, that a Chinese guard-boat was anchored at some distance, and at once beat a retreat for assistance.

That this extraordinary presence of mind continues to be displayed, at the sight of old useless toy-cannon, by main possession of a splendid launch armed with a Gatling gun, Hongkong waters may soon again become a happy hunting-ground for Canton pirates.

That although the Skating Club exhibits comprised a few works well worth inspection, I think it is unwise to have constituted them an exhibition.

That the new Secretary is an acquisition, and is the third pillar of the Club who comes from the old *Viceroy*.

That the beautiful collection of Hongkong wild flowers which is being shown by a lady member is so good artistically that it must become valuable from a scientific point of view.

That murmurs long and deep-drawn are again heard as to the needless delay and expense incurred by reason of Post Office contrivances, and that probably we shall hear more about it when the Legislative Council again meets.

That the festive season is again upon us, and stores begin to blossom in seasonable glory, bringing back memories of Home, sweet Home, and enjoining the duties of "applied Christianity"—which latter, by the way, are not likely to be forgotten while the subscription lists go round.

That poor Prince Chien has had a relapse, and that the chances of recovery are sadly diminished by the fact that four Chinese doctors are in attendance.

That I do not believe any word of the story about the man who was saved from execution having been captured and beheaded by the executioners.

That Chinese officials can do almost anything except go straight.

That Mr. Vice-Consul Mortimer Murray, of Macao, is to be congratulated on the success of partially the late Jubilee celebration.

BROWNIE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

December 10th, 1887.

Sir,—Adverting to the paragraph in your issue of last night, in which you assert that there is some difference of opinion (I presume respecting Sanitary matters) between the Hon. The Surveyor General and myself, I hasten to state that I am not aware of any such difference between us, and should be exceedingly sorry if such were the case.

I do certainly hold strong views respecting the insalubrious condition of the upper levels of the Western District (in which unfortunately I reside), in common with all the other residents of the locality, and our object in forwarding the letter to H. E. the Governor on the subject was with the view of a full and exhaustive enquiry being made as to the probable cause of the epidemic, and to adopt if possible some remedy.

Myself and others, as far as I am aware, have purposely abstained from attributing the outbreak of fever to anything special, and have done little more than suggest the probable cause.

No one, indeed, regrets it more than ourselves, if anything we have done or said should hurt the feelings or call in question the skill and ability of any Government Official.—Yours.

Wm. DANBY.

THE SANITARY ENQUIRY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

10th December, 1887.

Sir,—That H. E. the Governor has brought to this Colony a reputation for storing wealth is an indisputable fact, and his being virtually called upon to nominate a body of gentlemen with so slight a knowledge of their individual abilities and characters, is a matter of sincere regret, in that he is thus bound to be mistaken or misled in their fitness and qualifications.

The Sanitary enquiry cannot possibly be efficiently conducted by Medical men alone. This fact is undeniable, and although certain members of the profession make no secret of their desire to have the post of Sanitary Enquiry General, yet the able local independent talent that the Civil Engineering profession can furnish, yet the Government official, who is virtually on his trial for the lamentable way the fifth fever has taken hold of the Colony—is actively endeavouring to exclude the only Engineer in the Colony thoroughly competent to point out the mistakes, blunders the Surveyor General's department has committed, and which are the sole and true cause of the present trying calamity that has fallen on the majority of the residents Westwards. Incredible as it may read, it is nevertheless a fact that the Sanitary or Surveyor General's department actually had good engineers used in certain drain-traps, I believe that there is not a single inspector of nuisances in England that could not have informed Mr. Price that Aerial Chances solely could be used for drain-traps or filtering purposes.

Yet with such elementary knowledge of sanitation Mr. Price is proceeding with being the only man who knows anything on the subject. It is believed that he is not the subject of the Commission of Enquiry, but he evidently is the man who is inspiring the nomination of the members.

If the Government is not under pressure to appoint a certain local architect to represent the Sanitary Enquiry, the ability of the gentleman thus placed in a position he is not qualified to hold, and in his having to deal with a subject which he has had the honesty and candour to admit he does not pretend to have made a study of in some sense as one of his brother professionals.

The real question at issue between the public and the Government, as matters now stand, is—Is the enquiry to be a farce for the sake of bolstering up any official's so-called reputation, or is it to be a thorough searching investigation for the sole purpose of arriving at the cause of the "fifth fever," quite irrespective of what may be the principal cause of the epidemic, or on whom blame will fall?

That the public look to the Colonial Secretary to guide His Excellency with his best advice on this matter cannot be doubted.—Yours, etc.

COMMON-SENSE.

THE LOSS OF THE MENZIEH.

STANDARD CHARTER AGAINST THE "GLENHEDD."

The following statement is sent from Paris by the correspondence of the *Telegraph*.—Some entries have been lately turned on their launch, that a Chinese guard-boat was anchored at some distance, and at once beat a retreat for assistance.

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WINTER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH
MORNING STAR

Run DAILY at a FERRY BOAT between Peddar's Wharf and Tai-Tai-Tai at the following hours:—This Time Table will take effect from the 17th OCTOBER, 1887.

WEEK DAYS.		SUNDAYS.	
Leaves K'loon.	Leaves T.T.	Leaves K'loon.	Leaves T.T.
6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
8.00 "	8.30 "	7.30 "	8.00 "
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1.30 "	2.00 "	1.30 "	2.00 "
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3.30 "	4.00 "	3.30 "	4.00 "
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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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